

TL806AX

TL806DX

#### SPECIFICATIONS:

Frequency Response, 10 Feet on Axis,  
Swept One-Third Octave Pink Noise, Half-  
Space Anechoic Environment  
(see Figures 1 and 2):

TL806AX — 72 - 5,200 Hz

TL806DX — 70 - 5,200 Hz

Low-Frequency 3-dB-Down Point:

TL806AX — 72 Hz

TL806DX — 70 Hz

Usable Low-Frequency Limit  
(10-dB-down point):

TL806AX — 56 Hz

TL806DX — 53 Hz

Half-Space Reference Efficiency:

TL806AX — 4.5%

TL806DX — 9.0%

Long-Term Average Power Handling  
Capacity per EIA Standard RS-426A  
(see Power Handling Capacity section):

TL806AX — 300 watts

TL806DX — 600 watts

Maximum Acoustic Output:

TL806AX — 13.5 watts

TL806DX — 54.0 watts

Sound Pressure Level at 1 Meter,  
1 Watt Input, Anechoic Environment,  
Band-Limited Pink Noise Signal,  
100 - 800 Hz:

TL806AX — 98 dB

TL806DX — 101 dB

Dispersion Angle Included by  
6-dB-Down Points on Polar Responses,  
Indicated One-Third Octave Bands of  
Pink Noise,

400 - 800 Hz Horizontal

(see Figures 5 and 6)

TL806AX —  $148^\circ \pm 35^\circ$

TL806DX —  $139^\circ \pm 30^\circ$

400 - 800 Hz Vertical

(see Figures 5 and 6)

TL806AX —  $123^\circ \pm 12^\circ$

TL806DX —  $52^\circ \pm 18^\circ$   
Directivity Factor  $P_0$  (Q), 400 - 800 Hz  
Median (see Figures 7 and 8)

TL806AX — 4.3

TL806DX — 7.3

Directivity Index  $D_i$ , 400 - 800 HZ  
Median (see Figures 7 and 8)

TL806AX — 6.3 dB

TL806DX — 8.6 dB

Distortion, 0.1 Full Power Input  
(see Figures 9 and 10),

Second Harmonic,

100 Hz:

TL806AX — 1.0%

TL806DX — 1.6%

1000 Hz:

TL806AX — 1.8%

TL806DX — 0.6%

Third Harmonic,

100 Hz:

TL806AX — 1.0%

TL806DX — 1.4%

1000 Hz:

TL806AX — 1.8%

TL806DX — 1.6%

Distortion, 0.01 Full Power Input  
(see Figures 11 and 12)

Second Harmonic,

100 Hz:

TL806AX — 0.5%

TL806DX — 0.6%

1000 Hz:

TL806AX — 0.6%

TL806DX — 0.1%

Third Harmonic,

100 Hz:

TL806AX — 0.5%

TL806DX — 0.6%

1000 Hz:

TL806AX — 1.0%

TL806DX — 1.3%

Transducer Complement:

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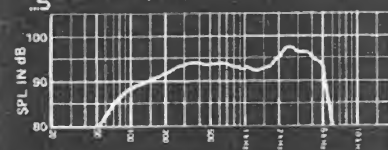


FIGURE 1 — TL806AX\*

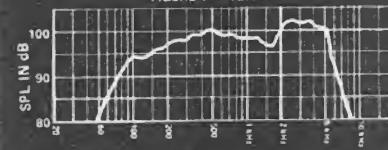


FIGURE 2 — TL806DX\*\*

## Model TL806AX/806DX Low-Frequency Speaker System

TL806AX — (1) DL12X

TL806DX — (2) DL12X

Box Tuning Frequency,  
Normal:

TL806AX — 80 Hz

TL806DX — 80 Hz

Step-Down:

TL806AX — 60 Hz

TL806DX — 60 Hz

Impedance,

Nominal:

TL806AX — 8 ohms

TL806DX — 4 ohms

Minimum:

TL806AX — 8 ohms

TL806DX — 4 ohms

Input Connections:

Screw Terminals (#8-32) on  
barrier strip

Enclosure Materials and Finish:

Black vinyl clad particle board

Mounting:

Hanging via six 1/4-20 T-nuts

Dimensions,

Height:

TL806AX — 54.6 cm (21.5")

TL806DX — 85.1 cm (33.5")

Width:

TL806AX — 35.9 cm (14.1")

TL806DX — 42.2 cm (16.6")

Depth:

TL806AX — 25.9 cm (10.2")

TL806DX — 27.7 cm (10.9")

Net Weight:

TL806AX — 19.5 kg (43 lb)

TL806DX — 35.4 kg (78 lb)

Shipping Weight:

TL806AX — 21.8 kg (48 lb)

TL806DX — 39.9 kg (88 lb)

\*TL806AX Axial Frequency Response  
4 Volts/10 Feet

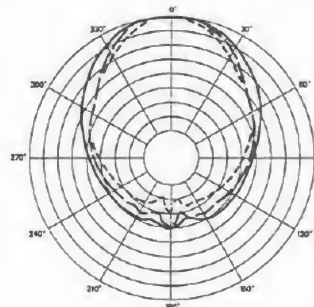
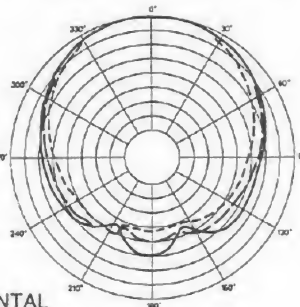
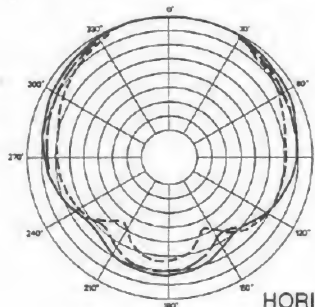
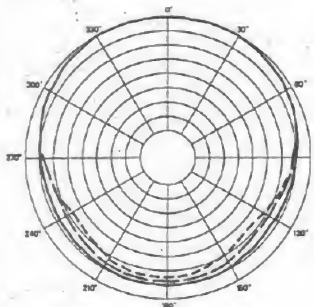
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4 Volts/10 Feet

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250 Hz ———  
315 Hz - - - - -

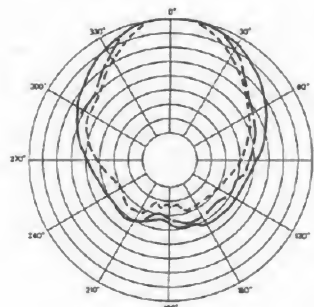
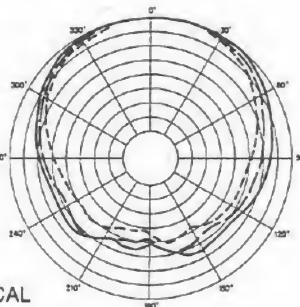
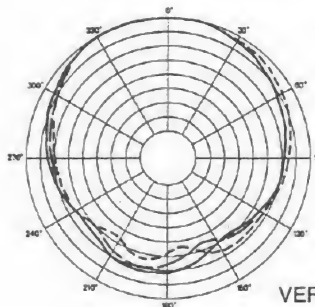
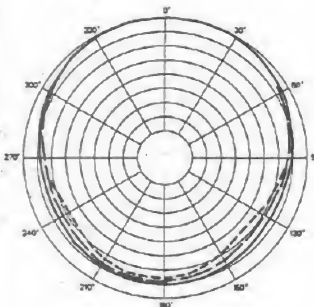
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1000 Hz ———  
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1600 Hz ———  
2000 Hz ———  
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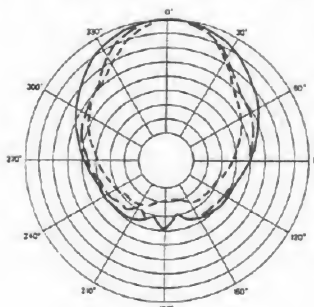
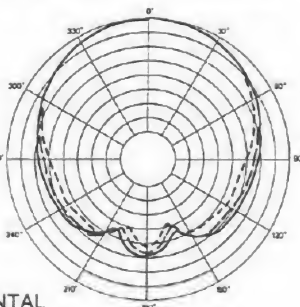
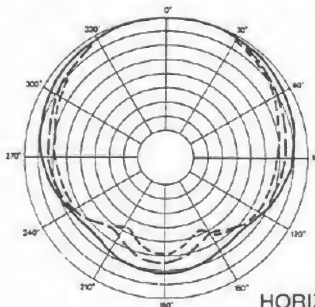
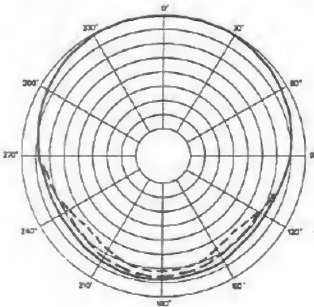
**FIGURE 3**  
**TL806AX Polar Response ( $\frac{1}{3}$  Octave Pink Noise, 4 Volts/10 Feet)**

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250 Hz ———  
315 Hz - - - - -

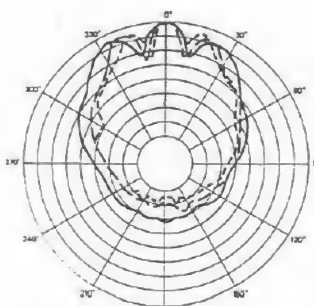
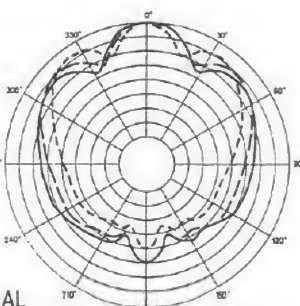
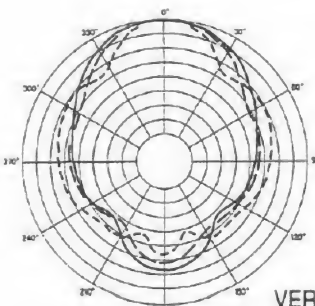
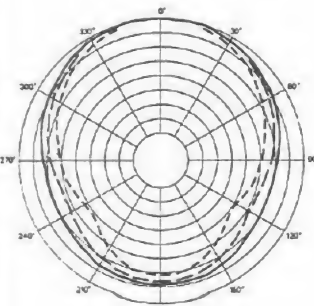
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800 Hz ———  
1000 Hz ———  
1250 Hz - - - - -

1600 Hz ———  
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**FIGURE 4**  
**TL806DX Polar Response ( $\frac{1}{3}$  Octave, 4 Volts/10 Feet)**

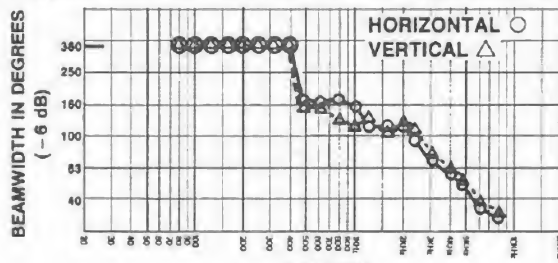


FIGURE 5  
TL806AX Beamwidth vs Frequency  
Whole Space (Anechoic)

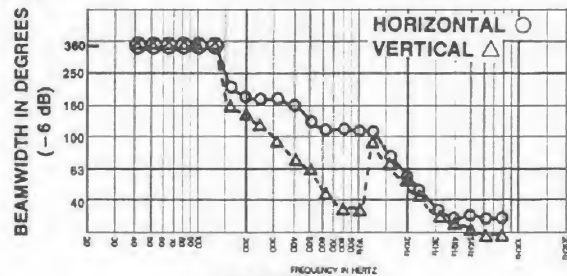


FIGURE 6  
TL806DX Beamwidth vs Frequency  
Whole Space (Anechoic)

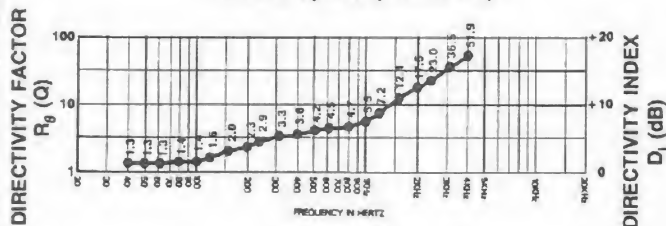


FIGURE 7  
TL806AX Directivity vs Frequency  
Whole Space (Anechoic)

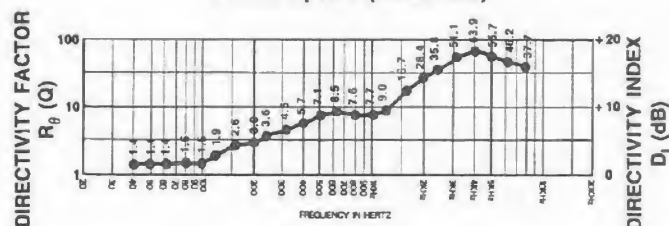


FIGURE 8  
TL806DX Directivity vs Frequency  
Whole Space (Anechoic)

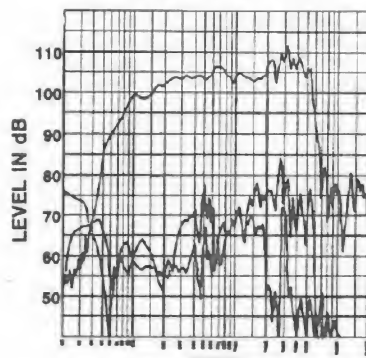


FIGURE 9  
TL806AX Harmonic Distortion, 0.1 Rated Power  
Input (30 Watts), 10 Feet on Axis

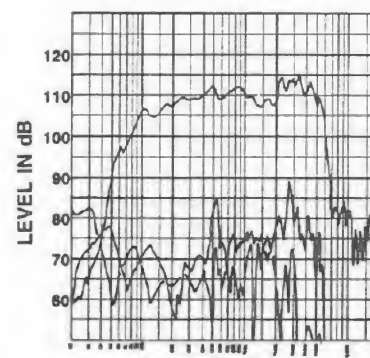


FIGURE 10  
TL806DX Harmonic Distortion, 0.1 Rated Power  
Input (60 Watts), 10 Feet on Axis

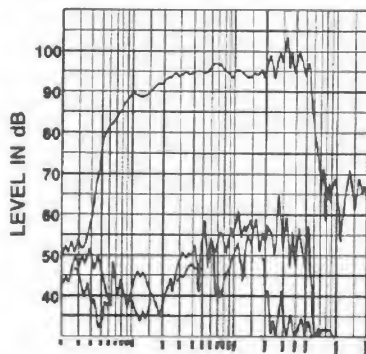


FIGURE 11  
TL806AX Harmonic Distortion, 0.01 Rated Power  
Input (3 Watts), 10 Feet on Axis

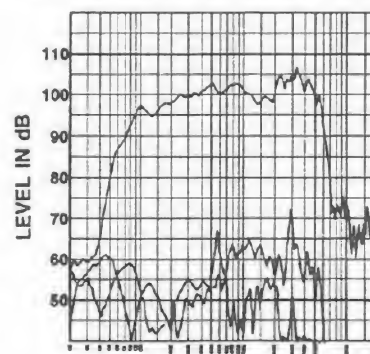


FIGURE 12  
TL806DX Harmonic Distortion, 0.01 Rated Power  
Input (6 Watts), 10 Feet on Axis

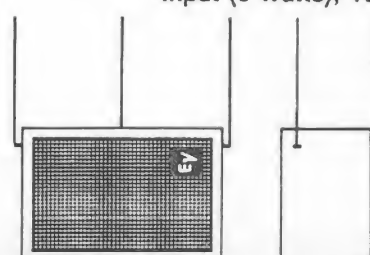
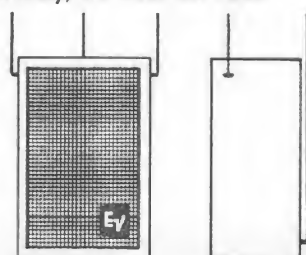


FIGURE 13  
Vertical & Horizontal Mounting Methods for the  
TL806AX & TL806DX using the T-nuts Provided

## DESCRIPTION

The Electro-Voice TL806AX and TL806DX are direct-radiator bass speaker systems with no-boom bass superior to that of conventional front-loaded horn systems. Designed according to the analysis of A.N. Thiele, both models provide high-efficiency, low-distortion, and excellent low-frequency performance in a notably small enclosure size. The low-frequency limit of each model may be extended approximately one-half octave by covering one port and applying low-frequency equalization (see "Step Down").

The TL806AX employs a DL12X cone speaker in a 1.2-cubic-foot enclosure, while the TL806DX uses two DL12X speakers in a 2.4-cubic-foot enclosure. Both the TL806AX and TL806DX models have sturdy metal grill screens and are constructed of black, vinyl-clad particle board with thicknesses of  $\frac{5}{8}$  in. and  $\frac{3}{4}$  in., respectively. T-nuts and  $\frac{1}{4}$ -20 bolts are provided for three-point-suspension ceiling mounting. Screw terminals are located in a recessed panel at the back of each enclosure.

## APPLICATIONS

The TL Series bass speaker is ideal for any large installation where professional sound is required. In music stage systems or as permanent installation systems in auditoriums, arenas and stadiums, the TL806AX and TL806DX work well with the Electro-Voice HR Series horns and DH Series drivers. The Electro-Voice XEQ-2 electronic crossover is a companion to the TL806AX and the TL806DX and provides the equalization necessary for extended low-frequency operation of these products (see "Step Down").

The units may be stacked for greater output capability or for a narrower beamwidth. Every time units are doubled, approximately 6 dB output is gained (3 dB for double power handling and 3 dB for resultant higher Q).

## FREQUENCY RESPONSE

Frequency response data was measured in an anechoic environment at 10 feet on axis with swept one-third-octave pink noise. The frequency response curves for the TL806AX and TL806DX are shown in Figures 1 and 2.

## DIRECTIVITY

The directional characteristics of the TL806AX and TL806DX were measured by running a set of polar responses in EV's large anechoic chamber, at selected one-third-octave-band center frequencies. The test signal was one-third-octave, band-width-limited, pseudo-random pink noise centered at the frequencies indicated in Figures 3 and 4. The curves show horizontal (side-to-side) dispersion when the enclosure's long axis is vertical. The vertical (up-and-down) polar responses are also shown.

Additional typical information is provided in Figures 5 and 6 which show 6-dB-down beamwidth versus frequency. Figures 7 and

8 show the directivity factor and directivity index versus frequency.

## DISTORTION

Following AES (Audio Engineering Society) recommended practice, plots of second-and-third-order harmonic distortion for 0.1 rated input power are shown in Figures 9 and 10. Additionally, plots are shown for 0.01 rated input power in Figures 11 and 12.

## POWER HANDLING CAPACITY

To our knowledge, Electro-Voice was the first U.S. manufacturer to develop and publish a power test closely related to real-life conditions. First, we use a random noise input signal because it contains many frequencies simultaneously, just like real voice or instrument program. Second, our signal contains more energy at extremely high and low frequencies than typical actual program, adding an extra measure of reliability. Third, the test signal includes not only the overall "long-term average" or "continuous" level — which our ears interpret as loudness — but also short-duration peaks which are many times higher than the average, just like actual program. The long-term average level stresses the speaker thermally (heat). The instantaneous peaks test mechanical reliability (cone and diaphragm excursion). Note that the sine-wave test signals sometimes used have a much less demanding peak value relative to their average level. In actual use, long-term average levels exist from several seconds on up, but we apply the long-term average for several hours, adding another extra measure of reliability.

Specifically, the TL806AX and TL806DX are designed to withstand the power test described in EIA Standard RS-426A. The EIA test spectrum is applied for eight hours. To obtain the spectrum, the output of a white noise generator (white noise is a particular type of random noise with equal energy per bandwidth in Hz) is fed to a shaping filter with 6-dB-per octave slopes below 40 Hz and above 318 Hz. When measured with the usual constant-percentage analyzer (one-third-octave), this shaping filter produces a spectrum whose 3-dB-down points are at 100 Hz and 1200 Hz with a 3-dB-per-octave slope above 1200 Hz. This shaped signal is sent to the power amplifier with the continuous power set at 300 watts into the 6.9 ohms EIA equivalent impedance for the TL806AX and 600 watts into the 3.5 ohms EIA equivalent impedance for the TL806DX (45.5 volts true RMS). Amplifier clipping sets instantaneous peaks at 6 dB above the continuous power, or 1200 watts peak for the TL806AX and 2400 watts peak for the TL806DX (91.0 volts peak). This procedure provides a rigorous test of both thermal and mechanical failure modes.

## STEP-DOWN

The TL806AX has a low-frequency 3-dB-down point ( $f_3$ ) of 72 Hz and the TL806DX has an  $f_3$  of 73 Hz. The supplied port cover for the TL806AX and TL806DX may be

attached to the port using the pilot holes and screws provided. This lowers the box tuning (step-down mode) from 80 Hz to 60 Hz. With appropriate electronic boost provided by an underdamped, second-order, high-pass filter tuned to 60 Hz, an  $f_3$  of 52 Hz for both the TL806AX and the TL806DX may be obtained. This is a beneficial extension for many applications.

The proper electronic boost for the TL806AX and TL806DX is provided in the Electro-Voice XEQ-2 electronic crossover.

## MOUNTING

T-nuts and  $\frac{1}{4}$ -20 bolts are provided for three-point-suspension mounting of the TL806AX and TL806DX either in the vertical or horizontal position. The location of the T-nuts and the recommended mounting method is shown in Figure 13. For safety reasons, do not hang any TL enclosure with a direct outward pull on any surface.

## WARRANTY (Limited) —

Electro-Voice Professional Sound Reinforcement Loudspeakers and Accessories are guaranteed for five years from date of original purchase against malfunction due to defects in workmanship and materials. If such malfunction occurs, unit will be repaired or replaced (at our option) without charge for materials or labor if delivered prepaid to the proper Electro-Voice service facility. Unit will be returned prepaid. Warranty does not cover finish or appearance items or malfunction due to abuse of operation at other than specified conditions. Repair by other than Electro-Voice or its authorized service agencies will void this guarantee.

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Electro-Voice also maintains complete facilities for non-warranty service.

Service and repair address for this product: Electro-Voice, Inc., 600 Cecil St., Buchanan, Michigan 49107.

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